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Please enter the following newly submitted claims as follows:

57. An information acquisition apparatus for communicating with at least one information server through a communication network, comprising:

reading means for reading information stored in an information recording medium;

address-information acquisition means for acquiring address information initiated automatically as a result of said information being read out by said reading means, said address information corresponding to an address of said information server provided with related information related to said information recording medium; and

related-information acquisition means for accessing said information server based on said address information acquired by said address-information acquisition means so that said related information related to said information recording medium can be acquired from said information server.

58. The information acquisition apparatus according to claim 57, wherein said information server is on an Internet.

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59. The information acquisition apparatus according to either one of claims 57 or 58, further comprising display control means for performing control to display said related information acquired by said related-information acquisition means.

60. The information acquisition apparatus according to claim 58, wherein said address information is an address of a homepage used on an Internet.

61. The information acquisition apparatus according to either one of claims 57 or 60, wherein said information recording medium stores music information.

62. The information acquisition apparatus according to claim 61, wherein said homepage is that of a singer singing said music information.

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63. The information acquisition apparatus according to claim 61, further comprising transmitting means for transmitting said information acquired by said reading means to said communications network,

wherein said transmitting means transmits an identification information of said information recording medium acquired by said reading means into said information server.

64. The information acquisition apparatus according to either one of claim 57 or 58, wherein said address-information acquisition means acquires address information when said information recording medium is set in said information acquisition apparatus.

65. An information acquisition apparatus for communicating with at least one information server in which related information related to an information recording medium is incorporated into a database through an Internet, comprising:

reading means for reading information stored in said information recording medium which stores at least one music;

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address-information acquisition means for acquiring address information of a homepage used on said Internet initiated automatically as a result of said information being read out by said reading means; and

related-information acquisition means for accessing said information server based on said address information acquired by said address-information acquisition means so that at least title information of said music can be acquired as said related information related to said information recording medium from said information server.

66. An information recording medium, in which information is read out by an information acquisition apparatus for communicating with at least one information server through a communication network, comprising:

address-information for allowing said information acquisition apparatus to access said information server initiated automatically as a result of said information being read out by a reading means, and being stored in said medium.

67. The information recording medium according to claim 66, wherein said address information is an address of a homepage used on said communication network.

68. An information acquisition method for acquiring information by way of communicating with at least one information server through a communication network, comprising:

a reading step for reading information stored in an information recording medium;

an address-information acquisition step of acquiring address information initiated automatically as a result of said information being read out by said reading step from said information recording medium on which said address information corresponding to an address of said information server is stored; and

a related-information acquisition step of accessing said information server based on said address information acquired by said address-information acquisition step so that related information related to said information recording medium can be acquired from said information server.

69. The information acquisition method according to claim 68, wherein said address information is an address of a homepage used on said communications network.

70. The information acquisition method according to claim 68, wherein said information recording medium stores music information.

71. The information acquisition method according to claim 69, wherein said homepage is that of a singer singing said music information.

72. The information acquisition method according to claim 68, further comprising a transmitting step of transmitting said information read out from said information recording medium to said communication network,

wherein said transmitting step transmits an identification information of said information recording medium acquired by said reading step into said information server.

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73. The information acquisition method according to claim 68, further comprising a display control step of performing control to display said related information acquired by said related-information acquisition step.

74. The information acquisition method according to either one of claims 68 or 73, wherein said address-information acquisition step acquires said address information when said information recording medium is set in an information acquisition apparatus.

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75. An information acquisition apparatus for communicating with at least one information server through a communication network, comprising:

a reading unit for reading information stored in an information recording medium; an address-information acquisition unit for acquiring address information initiated automatically as a result of said information being read out by said reading means, said address information corresponding to an address of said information server provided with related information related to said information recording medium; and a related-information acquisition unit for accessing said information server based on said address information acquired by said address-information acquisition unit so that said related information related to said information recording medium can be acquired from said information server.

76. An information acquisition apparatus for communicating with at least one information server in which related information related to an information recording medium is incorporated into a database through an Internet, comprising:

a reading unit for reading information stored in said information recording medium which stores at least one music;

an address-information acquisition unit for acquiring address information of a homepage used on said Internet initiated automatically as a result of said information being read out by said reading unit; and

a related-information acquisition unit for accessing said information server based on said address information acquired by said address-information acquisition unit so that at least title information of said music can be acquired as said related information related to said information recording medium from said information server.

REMARKS

Claims 57-76 are pending in this application. By this response and amendment, newly submitted claims 57-76 are offered to clearly define the invention of the present application and arguments are submitted differentiating the invention of the present application as recited in the claims from the cited prior art.

Rejection of claims 15-26 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 or 103

In the outstanding Office Action claims 15-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated or in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious in